SB 565 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Includes person found guilty except for insanity within definition of slayer for purposes of inheritance or status as beneficiary of insurance policy. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Clarifies final judgment or final order of guilty except for insanity or responsible except for insanity is conclusive for purposes of prohibiting inheritance or benefit.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law prohibits a person who, with felonious intent, takes the life of another from collecting on insurance policies to which the slayer was named the beneficiary. A slayer is also treated as having pre-deceased the slain person and so cannot inherit from that person.

Senate Bill 565 includes persons found guilty except for insanity and juveniles found responsible except for insanity within the definition of slayer.